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FORM of PRAYER and THANKSGIVING to Almighty GOD, for his late merciful Preſervation of the King's Majeſty, from the outrageous and deſperate Attempts againſt his Perſon, as he paſſed to the Parliament Houſe, on Thurſday the 29th of October.

To be uſed at Morning and Evening Service, after the General Thankſgiving, in all Churches and Chapels, on Sunday the 22d Day of November, and to be continued for Fourteen Days afterwards.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who in all ages of the world, haſt manifeſted thy power and goodneſs in thy providential protection of good and godly Kings, ruling in equity and juſtice, and profeſſing and cheriſhing thy holy and eternal truth; We thine unworthy ſervants, the ſinful people of this land do now proſtrate ourſelves before thee with praiſe and thankſgiving, for that thou haſt mercifully vouchſafed to fruſtrate the dark deſigns, and to bring to nought the daring attempts of deſperate and bloody-minded men againſt the ſacred perſon of thy ſervant, our Sovereign.

We acknowledge it to have been of thy unſpeakable mercy, O Lord, that he was not cut off for the ſins of the nation, and that our land was not filled with violence and blood. Continue, we beſeech thee, thy watchful care over him. Be thou his defence and ſhield, and let no weapon raiſed againſt him proſper. Cloath his enemies with ſhame; bring to light their conſpiracies, and diſappoint their treaſons. Touch them, O merciful God, with remorſe, give them grace to ſee and to abhor the ſinfulneſs of their ways, and the madneſs of their counſels. But if they ſtill harden their hearts, and are incorrigible in their wickedneſs, let them periſh by thy juſt judgements, that others by the example of their puniſhment may take warning. Knit together, O Lord, the hearts of this whole nation, as the heart of one man, in the defence of our King, our Laws, and our Religion. Long may the Crown flouriſh on the head of thine anointed, and may the work of thee, his God, proſper in his hand. And when it ſhall be thy bleſſed will to call him to exchange this earthly kingdom for the inheritance of a glory that fadeth not away, grant that his ſceptre may remain with his children, and his children's children, from generation to generation: and that they, faſhioning themſelves after his example, zealous for thy truth, and ruling according to thy law, may walk in the light of thy countenance for ever, and through thy bleſſing, reign like him in the hearts of their people. Theſe things we humbly beg, O merciful God, for our Sovereign, for his Royal Houſe, and for this Nation, in the name, and thro' the mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*